

The booke of the pylgrymage of
man.

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¶ The table.

There begynneth a boke in frenche called le pelery-
nage de Lhomme/in latyn: peregrinatio humani genes-
ris / & in oure Maternal tunge the pylgrymage of man
kynd of late drawen and incompendious prose cōposi-
ded by the reuerent father in god dane william hendryd
Prioure of the honourable place and pryory of Leomp-
treystre/ And now newly at the special commaundemen-
te of the same ffather reuerent I haue compyled the tes-
ture of the same in Metre comprehended in. xxi. chap-
tours as ensuyng appereth

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nuary and of the strasse that colste. La. xx.

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b. a. ij.

biary. Ca.

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Iustice and pluto duke o tenebris. Ca.

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vyle and wanne the felde. Ca.

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Done Margaret

Elizabeth

Margaret Jaspins

Elizabeth Amyragn

Prologus.

Debuis out of gemini his course when he ad-
d in þ crab gan take his mansyon. (ualpd
Leo approachynge with coloure vnpalpd.
Byght resplendaunte and by exaltacyon.
Lyghtly in the stelyferall regyon.
His face publyssynge by course naturall.
Thetyme of estas his season pryncypall.

Whenne in a p'ace of pleasure full royall.
I stode beholdynge ferre and nere.
Lokynge if Luna by power potencypall.
At thapposycion appere wolde clere.
Beanes surlesynge as tyme it were
Name of whiche place where I drewe nere.
Ualpd is the pryozy of lyou mynystre.

Merueplouse moch musynge some matter to here
Monitrypouse in sentence wherby I myght
My mynde besy to compounde clere.
Theeffect therof and hit to wyghte
A volume I founde that in prose was pyghte.
Of scripture by auctorytie grounded.
Abstract and .l. drawn by master hendzed.

Famouse prelat with prudence persecuryd.
Thy name of god is grounded oonly.
For lyke when a henne small crōmys hath gathered
Then clokketh she her chykyns hastely
They herryng the sounde of beste naturally.
Folowe and fede this thyng is credyble.
Byght so of thy name the formour syllable.

Thou dost accomplishe and of no parable.
Thy mynde setyng but of grete auctorytie.
In all thy werkes full comendable.
Bothe plesaunte to hyghe and lowe degree
Scripture gatherynge enlessauntely.
In prose compplynge all and some.
Compplynge sens of gostely wysdome.

Lyke as by grete expresse mensyon
In the glose recypted Mathewe.
Of heimes the naturall dysposicion.
The chaptoure admytted vicesimo tercio.
Of the scrutacion thou dost right so.
The tenure amonge people publyshe ouer all.
Of grace and vertue aduocate pryncypall

And for synguler ensample to people vniuersall.
Thynge prouyd and approbate appereth in syght.
By thy lybrary who so sercheth fynde shall
Gostely fruite and pache to the heuenly lyght.
.j. Medycyns sanatyffe to suche as haue myght.
o: d By grace and conynge to beholde and se.
ex Duryng theyr lyfe the better shall they be.

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Thus of thy name the formoure syllable.
et. Firste comprehended of grete vertue is.
ti But yet the secounde is more ampyable.
dñi And gretyer except aboue in celis.
cli For drede of synne from man expellys
ma And fromt all euyl doth hym declyne.
o: Afforsynge to appoche operacyons deupne.

ho:
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Of drede ferther it is wyten full playne
who dredyth god wyllyngly enquire
what thyng to his pleasure he may most attayne.
And lyke wyse god graunteth his hole desyre
Ryght so thou kendelyst full kyndly the fyre.
Unkynd goste burnynge by corrupt synne putrified.
The pathe makynge playne to the trynall godhed.

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plac
sunt

My grete vertues remayneth in the drede.
As in the saulter respyteth Dauid.
Auctoꝝpſed by scripture for matter in dede.
Voluntatem timencium se faciet
And so forth yet ferther he procedeth.
Solempnely recyrynge in the same salme.
Veneplacitum est dñō timentes eum.

Lo howe of grace hath god in one.
Heime to drede Joyntly Jornd.
For whose estate I aske a bowne.
To criste abone be longe maynteynd.
In welch wich prosperye to be susteynd.
So that after this lyfe transytoꝝye.
Reigne he maye in the imperyall see.

Nowe to my purpose I wyllyngly apply.
Groundely the prose to peruse and se.
Comprehended in the volume that before spake I
Entendynge to compyle the sence and it wyllyngly be.
In metre rougher wherfoze the trynnytie
Thre persons in one most of drede.
I lowly praye my werke to spede

Finis prologi.

Thowe man was of. viij. partz made. La. primo.

After chauctozptie of phylozofers expient.
Groundely pused vnto a purpose. partpte
Our formoure father adam by the father relucient.
was of. viij. partz partptely knyt.

As ensuyngge appereth who lyst to rede it.
Besechynge theym all with humble affectyon.
Of fautes corryptible to take the correccyon.

First oure father Adam by grete expremencion.

Of fyre de terra was create and made
whiche Joynded the Joyntz of his corpus in one
Not lyght of metall but heuy and sad.
Fat and fulsome and seldome glad.
Suche nature hath erth wherof the body.
Of mankynde is made as appereth full playnly.

Of the ferefull wawes and water of the see.
Made was his blode to renne in euery dayne.
Both hye and lowe thozowe our the hole body.
which maketh man wysdom vnto hym to attayne
with prudens & pleuraunce as philozofers sayne
Lo of the see this is the very nature.
Mankynde of mynde to make partpte and sure.

The thirde parte of man I shall do my cure.
Playnly to expzelle whiche namyd be his Jem.
Of the sonne they were made I you eniure
whose power is resplendaunte in the spere celestyn
By compasse of the zodyake but what was therein.

Man by that parte shall besyze to apparayle.
Hym selfe alwayes to procede vnto batayle.

The .iiij. parte whiche is the wombe of man.
In the whiche is worled the wynde of his body.
Of the wynde it was made whet fore than.
Lyght he shalbe as by that propretye
I refull and wrothe and of no Iocoundytie.
Thus wynde of nature is lyght and yrefull.
And man in no wyse can his nature adnull

The fyfth parte wherof had man at his creacion.
For that it pleased god corigitations inwarde.
Hym for to graunte for a gode proteccion.
Of the cloudes of heuyn his thoughtz were made.
By the whiche in synne he is ofte tymes clade
As borne on erthe to be lyght and lecherous
In the syght of god synne moste contagious.

Now sueth the syxt part thingz right doloious.
That of man made was all the bones.
As philozophers say by matter monstypous.
Of issues corrupt of all maner stones.
Whose nature to publyshe & make pleyne at ones.
Is for to be gredy moche gatherynge and couetouse
And theuys condycions to vse outcragpous.

Of man the vnderstandynge & grete intellection.
By wysdome moderated with reason vniuersall
Of the mone issueth suche is her condycyon.
The .viij. parte of man a myrryd ouer all

By vertue wherof right well knowe you shall
Borne he is in batayle greely to preceede.
Suche nature hath the mone as ye may here rede.

The .iiij. parte complete of all benyng curtosye.
Comprehended in the father and lord sempiternall.
Is how he create the soule of man truely.
Wth his owne superne spirite o god ouer all.
What pzeurlege by chy myghty power supernall.
Myght moze haue be done for mannes saluacion.
Then in chy see rofall to graunte hym a mansion.

Howe almyghty god put Adam to paradyse/and of
his firste age. La. secundo.

Wth Han the heuenly kynge and our father eternall.
Our formour father adam had formate & made.
The perloure of paradyce pereles ouer all.
He gaue hym to mansion and then hym bad.
Take all the comodities that therein were had.
Saue one frute that grewe there on a tree.
Whiche he hym forbade in euery degree.

The wylfulnes of adam by the mocion of Eue.
Alas may we say that it fortunied so
Atasted therof thus by grete repzeef.
Hym selfe and his illue he brought vnto wo.
For from pleasure to payne scripture sayth so.
By an aungell was he dzyuyn in to this wretche vale
To all humanytye a full dzedfull tale.

Where with payne he labored veracion and trouble.
And all the hole issue that of hym gan pursue.
Lyke wretches they wandred this thyng is credyble.
As careyns right vncurrouse not knowyng their due.
To their god and maker but as tyaunt; vntreue.
They toke their owne mynd; not modered with resoun.
And as clerk; say they were gyauf; that season.

Sighty stronge gryme & gryfull vnto loke
And there vnto deuoyde of wysdom and sapience
For soles they were approbare as recordeth þ boke.
Of the first age of man who lyke make pretence.
It for to serche shall fynde that no prudence.
was permanent in the per sones that vterly denyed.
The molte drad comaundement of the myghty godhed.

Lo pryde of al synne þnagmat to mānes confusio
These people adualyd to the vale of darkenes.
So that the father of heuen toke vengeaunce soone.
And drowned all the world for they; vnfaythfulnes
Saue noe and dyuerse mo as scripture doth expresse
whiche Joyntely were of rygh; perfyte lyuyng.
For whome god graunted a saue garde abydyng

Thus for they; grete rudenes and infidelitie.
To consumpcion they were brought as befoze is sayde
In the yere from adam as apperyth right playnly
Unto noe. ij. M. for matter in dede.
With. L. xl. fully completed.
The whiche of man callyd is the firste age.
As it is wyten by phylozofers sage

The secounde age of mankynde and howe the Sonnes of Noe byldyd the Toure of Babylon. Ca. iiij.

From noe vnto Abraham as recordyth the byble.
Of peres were full .ix. hundred and forty.
In the whiche season as thyng right vnpossyble
The sonnes of noe buldyd so hy.
The toure of babylon preposynge vtterly.
By meanes of the same to assende vnto heuyn.
So couetouse they were as appetyth full playne.

Behold here the secounde mortall byle of synne
whiche corrupted the carcase of humayne kynde.
As best vnlatysfied they lay styll therein
For the whiche the father as I rede and synde
Confused them on erthe for that they were unkynde.
Not knowynge them selfe but clymyng to hy.
By couetouse constrayned so volupuously.

Lo thus the secounde age of mankynde.
Frome noe vnto abraham as aboue is sayde
Consumed was by couetouse haue this in your mynde.
The trowth wherof can not be denyed.
But for they? rebuke they were gretely dysmayde.
yet neuertheles of mankynde the lynage.
That tyme thow we passed his secounde age.

Howe man proceded his thyrde age and of the synne
kyng of Lyries. Ca. iiij.

When the secounde age of man was past & expyred
The .iiij. age aprouched as apertyth by scripture ...
From abraham to Moysen as ye may here rede

Myeres full. D. C. I. post do ensure.
Accomplished was where grete myladventure.
Dolorous in sentence to haue in comunycacion.
ye and mirroure monstypouce to euery xpynnacion.

It was had in that season and in the same age.
why cyties for synne corruptly puttyfied.
Sonke bothe hye and also lowe lynage.
So haynpous it was in the syght of the godhed.
And playnly to shewe you howe they were nampyd.
That one of theym hight Sodame.
And that other by name Gomorra.

And as I haue before breuely expzessed.
That god toke vengeaunce for theyr mysery.
pet lothe with. ij. doughters to his mercy he callyd.
ye and also the wyfe of lothe truely.
But she in no wyse coude refrayne tho her iye
But turnyd and lokyd the cyties vppon
For the whiche she stonnyth a salte stone.

O mercyfull lorde moste hpest in trone.
Thy marcy there sauyn suche as were thynne.
And suche as rebellyd agaynst alone.
Corruptyd with synne and lape styl therin.
Tho theym dyd subdue o corpus celestyn
what losse these people but onely gula.
with the locoure of sua pzele luxuria.

How Moyses receyvyd ij. tables of the law
in the. iij. Age of man. Capitulo.

b.i.

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From Moyses vnto Dauid the purstaunt kyng.
Of mankynde the.iiij. age full dyd contynue.
In the whiche season without faute or lokynge.
The children of Israell thoro we the red see dyd sue.
That separate was by Moyses this thyng is true.
Where pharro fersely with his power pursued.
In the whiche he and his power breuely were drownyd

Wherupon by the father of the celestypall see
Recepyd was .ij. tables of letters of the la we.
By moyses on the mounte of Synay so hye.
All rigourouse demeanoure from man to withdra we.
His vyse to redres and his maker to knowe.
For frome adam to Moyses the la we of nature
Full feibly was ordred If you do ensure.

For therein was non auctoure but all out of ordre.
What thyng had so happenyd y tyme in mannes mide.
He thought it was leyffull for hym and all other.
So that tyme were sauyd full fewe as I fynde.
But lytterate la we reduced mankynde.
In so moche he kepte it vnto the cōpyng.
Of criste our souereygne sauyoure and heuenly kyng.

How kyng Salamon byldy the temple of god
in Ierusalem. Ca. vi.

From Dauid the kyng vnto the transmigration
Of Babylon as scripture by auctoryte doth spe
And byldyd in a maner full merueylously. (city
The temple of god in Ierusalem the Cytie.

By kynge Salamon with Joy and grete honoure.
whiche is to all people a full parfyte myrroure.

But yet by pryde the very rote and grounde.
Of synnes moſte inordinate to manne ſaluacyon.
After the ſayde temple was buylded and founde.
ye and alſo p iniquitatem principium.
That moſte was ſet by with all and ſome.
Una cum lege diuine transgreſſionem.
Ac diuerſimodi prophetarum falſitatem

The people of god were led in to Babylon.
And. l. yere there they dyd remayne.
Then Jeronias the proſp̄te made lamentacion.
And for by cauſe he ſayde that was certayne.
Curſed people to egypte dyd hym attayne.
And there of trouth full tprauntely.
To deſth hym ſtonyd vnm̄ercyfully.

Howe the. vi. age endured tell the comynge of
our ſauoure. La. vij.

The. vi. age of man enſue then dyd and come.
whiche pleyndly to exp̄res I ſhall do my cure.
From babylon the captiuytie & grete thraldome.
Unto the cōmyng of our ſouereygne ſauoure.
D. L. yeres is and ſomewhat ouer
In whiche age was grete batayle murder.
Bytwene the bzetherne of Judas and dyuerſe other.

Thus ſynp̄ſhed I haue the. vi. age fully cōpleted.
At the ſouereygne incarnation of our ſauour criſt Ihu
b. ij.

In terminat sence pzeuely compyled.
Afforsynge to pronownce that perfyte is and true.
After my cōpy and in metre renewe.
The tenure of the same now lord of myghtis moſte.
We ſpede father ſonne and alſo holy goſte.

The nombze of yeres from the begynnynge of
the worlde to the byrthe of criſte. La. viij.

From þ begynnynge of þ worlde vnto þ glorio⁹ houre.
That criſte was incarnat of pure virgyne mary.
Is of yeres true thouſande a. L. &. iiij. ſcore.
And. vi. monethes ouer appereth full pynely.
By ſeynt auſtreyne and other good auctours many.
This tyme beganne thencreace of all goodnes.
Thanke with prysynge be to our lord Iheſus.

I haue trectyd befoze of the ages of mankynde.
By dyuerſe yeres comprehended in to ſyr.
And nowe the. viij I ſhall call to my mynde.
Lordially there on my herte to enſyre
In the whiche is dayly vſed nona lex.
And to contrryue I entede by the ſame.
Dyuerſe maner of ages of mankynde by name.

In. xij. comprehend to a partyte purpoſe
with the cauſe that man ſhold paſſe on pylgrymage.
And for thentent I wyll it dyſcloſe.
Accordynge to myne auctoure of euery age.
That grounded is by a phylozoſopher ſage.
whoſe name in the prologe is reſcryed full playne.
wowe to my purpoſe I wyll me conſtrayne.

Howe almyghty god was pylgryme for .iij.
causes/and howe he gaue mankynde cysample
to doo his pylgrymage. La. ix.

Seth by þe myghty power of our father supnall
with the holy goste by trynall proupcion
Dyscended hath oure saupoure criste coequall.
In mary his mother and for oure redemption.
From oure mortall foo to be tuicōn.
Of her naturall corpus he was incarnat.
And she hym conceyvd as virgyn immaculate

Hym selfe admyttinge of no hys estate.
But as a pylgryme apparayled in his gere
Thoughe his see celestypall hyghly was sublymat.
He was for thre causes as ye may rede here
Appoynted lyke a pylgryme as by scripture dothe as
O benig Jhu thus haue we gret auctoritie. (pere.
To call the our creature and lambe of humylytie.

The firste cause that he a pylgryme was and why
Lyke as a pylgryme many hospitalles doth seke.
Right so in the wombe of his mother mary
Full out. ix. monethes he dyd tumble and crepe
Chyrtie pere in this world he was and moze eke.
And in the sepulture. xi. houres he lay
This was the firste cause without ony nay.

The secounde is where that every day.
A pylgryme opteyneth right grete aduersyties.
Somtyme by tempesty dogges & cheups by the way
So oure saupoure jhu durynge his erth dayes.
b. iij.

was subiect to adheerpte manyfolde wayes.
For after his byrthe he some full on wepyng.
Consyderpnge the trouble that to hym was ensuyng

The thirde cause was if ye duely hede take.
For .iij. signes that doch belonge to a pylgryme.
That is to saye his scrip his staffe and his hat.
But our sauoure Jhu toke vpon hym.
In steede of his staffe a crosse full gryme
For his hat he toke of thorne a crowne.
And for his scrip a spere of stele browne.

O god glorified in the heuenly trone.
What more for man myghtest thou haue done.
Thenne for to suffer so grete passyon.
On caluery the mounte with grete affectyon.
The soule of man couetyng from sathanas dñacion
Make as a lambe that lowe were of lynage.
On caluery full kyndly thou dydest thy pylgrymage.

Thus to byrnge vs from Lucyfers damage.
By simpltyude of thyne owne persone.
Lyke a pylgryme þ apperedest our sorow to swage.
Techyng vs pylgrymes how we shold done.
For that this worlde is no sure mansyon.
But frayle and fleyng lowe and hie
why man of erth made is create to dye.

Whiche .iij. synguler poyntes appertayne to a
pylgryme. Ca.

Now syth pylgrymage is moste approbate.
For mannes soule the welch vniuersall.

It thre thinge he kepe in his pylgrymage gate.
That to pylgrymes pendency in this worlde ouerall
Firste humble besture on his corpus carnall
Secundely in ordynate takynge for to refuse.
And the thirde from vanyties his eyes to abuse

Chenne if he duely these thre do peruse.
He optayne shall the blysse by due enhabytaunce.
Wherfore I mankynde my synnes to exclud.
To pylgrymage gyue my hole affyaunce.
On my purpose to procede with goltely substaunce.
Wherfore I entende to puruey a gouernoure.
My guyde to be thowhe the realme of aduenture.

Fortune my guyde if it were her pleasure.
Myght right well be and frendely to me.
But stedfast to haue her it is a cure
That in no wysewyl approued be
And selyuche grete duplictye.
In her is permanent I wyll refrayne.
The felyshyp of her tell we mete agayne.

Epet a guyde I wyll attayne.
In place where euer I can hym fynde.
Worldly wysdome were good certayne.
For to be guyde vnto mankynde.
But his also lucruse of mynde.
That dysceyue he wolde oure company.
And oure stokke cubesell secretly.

Of suche a guyde beware wyll I.
For he is no thyng mete ne prorytable.

Of mannes soule the welch truly.
Thoughe to this worlde he be agreeable.
And where rythes is moſte exceptable
For nowe a dayes where ſo euer I come.
Rampd is falſhed worldeſp wiſdome.

¶ Therfore betyme nowe all and ſome.
Of his croked company I wyll forlake.
And for to paſſe this ferefull regyon.
A better guyde to me wyll I take.
The whiche by the way me merp wyll make.
By myſtrally of moche myght.
Beatus vir my guyde ſhall hyght

¶ Nowe thanke I hyghly the lanterne of lyght
For cholen I haue me a petſyre guyde.
On my paſſage to gouerne me right.
The holy trynptye be my ſpede.
Of whome I take my leue this tyde.
For in his cytie I had grete chere.
In the delectableſt ſeaſon of all the yere.

¶ Howe mankynde enterpeth the londe of Iune
at the age of. lx. Ya. xi.

¶ Than was I in my hyghell power.
And ſol moſte horeſt in his ſpere celeſtyn.
Betely luſty at the age of thre ſcore
By pylgrymage dully for to optayne.
For cancer then ouer me dyd regne.
Thus went I forth with myrth and game.
ſolowynge my guyde bleſſed by name.

Chozowe this countrey of royall fame.
And of pleasures pꝛecyouse full plenty to se.
For gretely I was restreſhed by ſight of the ſame.
ye and moꝛeouer I ete dyd plenteouſly.
Strawberyes and cheryes wherof that countrey.
was full planteouſe in euery lane.
And ſo were paſſed by the ſame.

Chenne towarde a goodly coſte we came.
That by the Pope of Iune was holden.
where the clenſt catell in criſtendome.
Full ryche we ſawe and well be ſene
Enqꝛyꝛyng what was the name then.
Of that place whiche by benyuolence.
There graunted was ſo grete indulgence.

CAnone we perceyuyd by grete experyence.
That this catell whiche was ſo hye.
By potencyall power of ſuperne audyence.
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Of whiche indulgence by auctoꝛpꝛye.
The foundeꝛ is called by naturall ſext.
Of the romaynes romanus pontifex.

Co whole bullys dyd martheyne annex.
Augmentation with encrease of moꝛe.
Indulgence to that caſtell as the rex
Bereth well wyꝛnes man to reſtoꝛe.
From woꝛldly wꝛetchednes and ſynfull ſoze.
Thus leſte we that Caſtell and way dyd take
Farther on our Journey vs mery to make.

Thenne vñ beatus me made forsake,
His pathe wherein he vsed to go.
Wyllynge me shortly my mynde to breke
Unto dominus illuminatio
And of his fauoure desyre so.
That thow we all londes where we shold lyte.
Graunte vs he wolde a lasse condyte.

So for to purchas a partyte wyte.
To soule Justicie we toke oure way
Sealed to haue oure lasse condyte.
And he shortly sayde not nay.
But also haue vs of his lyuerey.
A fencyble garment Joyntely compyled.
With fayth and hope that we exiled

Sholde not be and yet besyde.
He made vs drynke of his maluelay
Us to comforte so in that tyde.
We departed and on our Journey.
None we doubted but toke the way.
This maluelay to vs so comfortable was.
Our hertes lyghtenynge with dropis of grace.

Procedynge forth and by a shorte space.
we sawe a comely gay Monastery.
A comodyouse thyng and a freshe place.
That strawed was full plesauntely.
With rysshes grene right amply
I asked of whome this place was prest
And my guyde sayde of seynt Iohn Baptyst.

An expōsicion auctorized by scripture of the co
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So to that place we hied vs with haste.
Duelly enquyring the maner of this seynt.
A partie moche merueylng and eyn at the lasse
we saue how an aungell from heuen was sent.
Gabryell by name whiche saunce entent
Sayde to zacharias that euer was in oryson.
Here thou no thyng for graunte is thy petycion.

And thy wyfe Elzabeth shall brynge to the a sonne.
whose name shalbe Iohn that Joy and grete gladnes.
Shall be to the re and grete congregacion.
Of people shall Joy in his byrth for suernes.
That he shalbe takyn of so pure perficens.
In the sight of the godhed in the by trone
This highly shalbe magnyfied thy only sone Iohn

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Then answered zacharias right shortly and soone.
How may it be true this tale that thou hast tolde
Seth yowth away is fletyd and fro me clene gone.
My natoure away wasted and I am very olde.
My wyfe also past terynge this dare I be bolde.
The aungell answered sythe that thou sayst so.
Eyll thy chylde be borne dombe thou shalt go

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Twe there tarped no lenger but left hym eyn so.
Passyng on our pylgrimage thorugh this countre.
Roses and lyllys plenty seynge blowe.
Flourysynge theym selfe full fayre for to se.
So on oure passage pruely passed we.

Towarde the palayce of peter and Poule.
When oure or cancre passed was soule.

Where that we dronke of a blacke boll.
By a fyre there full freshely made.
The tyme when the cloke dyde. viij. toll
At nyght suche chere there we had.
That cause we founde none for to be sad
Farther on oure Joured then we paste
And sodenly curn at the laste.

How mankynde entereth in to a kyngdome na
myd the londe of July & parte of the marrydome
of seynt Thomas of Launcobergy. Ca. xij.

And July the monyth we dyd vs haste.
In the whiche soule dyscended from his station.
Then my nature beganne for to waste.
Lyke as dyd the herte of the sonne.
For then age approached and plucked me downe.
My byrnes were febled my wyrt waxed thynne
My age was then .lx. yere and tenne

But yet at the lest I bethought me then.
But pylgrymage to procede howe so euer I dyd.
Then a mounayne I sawe that was passynge dymme.
And was sore affrayed but breuely I asked.
My guyde what thyng it myght betyde.
And he me answered without delaye.
That of seynt John it was the. viij. daye.

So breuely we sawe in a lowe valey.

A byshopps place that ryche was dyght.
Thy therwarde streyte takynge the way.
we enquryed howe this byllhope byght.
But there we founde none erthly wyght.
That coulde vs tell the Byllshopps name.
Nor well from what colke that he came.

¶ We then perceyuyd what it dyd meane;
That whan by degre in man in eleuate.
His formour surname is take in bayne.
And so exyled and put a parte.
yet oz this byllshop came to his estate.
As we vnderstode by certayne there.
Named he was doctoure prayoure

¶ A noble prelata and a grete prechoure.
By vertue wherof he came to bygh degre.
Grace beyng his gypde and grice locoure
By the helpe of the holy trynitye.
Thus towarde the palayce we passed prymalye.
Of this byllshop to haue a syght.
But hym to se we had no myght.

¶ Then herde we saye in hartes bygyht.
Foure men that were of the kyngs house.
Hasted theym by daye and nyght.
They? myscheuouce mynde right dolorouse.
On this byllshop and myrroure monstryouce.
Thacomplythe with grete wzeth.
Hym to bereue from lyfe to deeth.

¶ Thus of they? purpose they neuer toke breth
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But whyles this bysshop in prayer was knelynge.
Byfore an aulter as scripture sayth.
Thenne violently as tyraunt? wplynge.
They? purpose to pursue with weppys vnsyttng.
By one assent full cruelly.
Stroke at this bysshop & dyd hym to dye.

And as playnly of trouch herde I
One of the tyraunt? that had the dede done.
This bysshop brought vp from in fancye.
Unto mannes state and as his godstone.
In hym lacked grace with manly reasone.
His godfather to stryke so violently.
That brought hym vp full tenderly.

Thenne for this case we were right sorry.
And with deuocyon knelyd downe.
Prayng to criste on the soule to haue mercy.
Of this gostely holy freysyon
That fynnyshed we role of soone.
Enquyringe where was the bysshoppys obsequi.
And they vs shewed at Launtozburp.

The breuer and shortyer tyme knewe we.
What he was when we knewe the name.
Certayne of the place where combed was he
Of Launtozbery seynt Thomas it was the same.
Then louyd we criste mozte myghtyest of fame.
And on oure byage toke oure way.
In conceptes vs delpyng the sothe for to say.

A parable of auctoritie of the holy orðre of
seynt Benet. Ca. iiii.

So shortly we came to a royall abbay.
Full fayre goodly and comely set.
Plesaunte to loke on euery way.
whiche place is callyd without let.
The holy monastery of seynt Benet.
So we shortly with all oure myght.
Toke oure lodgyng before the nyght.

Cuyn at the abbay gate right.
where I wysshed to haue ben away.
Longe oz euer it was day lyght.
For so huge a noyse and so meruaylouse array.
Herde I neuer by nyght nor day.
what with syngyng and ryngyng of bellys.
Slepe I coulde not in no wyse.

And as we thought it was a gysle.
Not conuenient in no good place.
Oute of tyme to make suche noyse
And specyally when that it was.
Of naturall rest the tyme and space.
At mydnyght for all gode men.
To slepe and no suche werkz begyn.

For and if that aboue in heuyn.
The noyse were so odpyble as to vs it was.
But lytell thanke sholde they wyn.
As we thought for in that place.
Preseruyd is euer perpetuall peace.
And to oure herpyng and syght in warde.
Easely thyrther it myght be harde

Than the purpose shortly we pondered
Of houre myndes breuely entendynge.
In to this abbay with pen blere yed.
And hedys full ydle for ouer watchynge.
To take oure way in mynde meruayllynge
what maner of men and people they were.
That kepte suche rule thowowe out the pere

And with that there dyde full shortly appere.
Personally present before oure syght.
A man right meruaylouse in all his gere.
Appoynted solempniely and then with myght.
we enquyred howe his name hyght.
He answered and sayde he hyght contemplacion.
The partyte pathe to the heuenly regyon.

We asked hym yet shortly this quesspon.
what meane myght that fulsome case.
That by nyght tyme was made and done.
In so gay a Monastory and fayre place.
And what they were that neuer dyd sease.
They grete rumoure and longe syngynge
And why with bellys they made suche ryngynge.

He answered vs with wordes right syttyng.
what meanyth this noyle I shall yeu tell.
To criste in heuen it is well pleasynge
And all the fendes power of hell.
Adnychyll it doth euery deall.
And of what maner thysle men be
walke in my sonne thou shalte theym se.

Thus shortly he toke his leue of me.
Thenne came my gupde beatus vir.
And bad me folowe hym hastely.
So in to that place he brought me nere.
where we sawe present personallly appere.
Dedely persones of coloure right pale
I seynge theym my coloure dyd aduale.

Consyderpng theyr rule some and all.
So ryotously ordred in euery degre.
Meruaylpnge moche who was the pryncypall.
Gouernoure of that goodly see
That suffred suche rule encessauntly.
For as me thought it were more right
To slepe all day then wake all nyght.

And as we behelde this dedely sight.
Rounde aboute in euery degre.
we sawe howe that by hostely myght.
Thyse men that dyd appere dedely.
Had .vi. wynges redy to flye.
Lyke vnto chaungellys cheruphyn
That be enhabit aboute in heuyn.

And when of vertue they so dyde shyne.
Then knew I by pacfyte experience.
That my gupde present had bene
Full often personall in theyr audyence.
And so wiche vertue we left theyr presence.
Dertely prapnge my holy gupde.
That on our passage we myght procede.

Procedynge soith a well good spede.
Sol in Leone by course existynge
we hyed vs faste and matter in dede.
Passe we dyde by a full goodly thyng.
That virgyn was pure and partyte of lypunge.
whose name was callyd withour lette
Holy matter and virgyn Margarete.

Then on our waye farther we sette
And by Magdaleyne shortly we came
A blessed woman that wysshed the fete.
Of our sauoure Ihesu callyd by name.
And with her here wyppd the same.
whose name as scripture doth playnly sho
Auctorysed was a Magdalo castro.

And so to the place of compassellane.
where James lyeth the appostell holy.
we passed and by blessed Anne.
That mother is knowen to virgyn mary
And there my gude by and by.
Made me shortly with dixi custodiam.
To be acquaynted a full goodly man.

That in the byshopps court was tane.
Gretely in fauoure and by reputation.
was holden right a worshipfull man.
And after acquaintance by comunycacion.
He shewed vs that the byspocion.
In that londe at many dyuerse season
was for to see benes and peason.

To fether costes we toke oure motion.
Oure ferefull pylgrymage for to fulfyll.
Enterpunge in to the myghty regyon.
That duely is holden by grete skyl.
At the Emperoure of Augustus wyll.
For royally he reigneth therin at pleasure.
In the fructuouste season of all the yere.

Howe be it that tyme I dyde draue nere
He to proude for the sustenaunce in age.
Both corne of the erth and frutes of all maner.
For nowe am I. xxiij. both wyse and sage.
Whether that I be of hye or lowe lynage.
I muste haue me to fynde ensuyng yere by yere.
For drade that poverty me byng vnto daunger.

Howe mankynde entereth the empyre of August
and of the abundaunce welch that there is. Ca. xv.

In August of vertue both gretely appere.
Aboue all other bothe est and west.
For in that londe nother sowe ne ere.
No man doth but as they luste.
For they repe and mowe in euery coste.
This londe of plentie with pleasure is so mete.
That whete lyes vnder euery mannes fete.

There the firste that we set on sight
By name was calld the cytye of Lammias.
where petyr pope by veray right.
was wrongfully imprysoned in that place.
Thenne my guyde in right shorte space.

Made vs acqueynted with one right wyse.
whose name was callyd quid glozaris.

That coopcyner admytted was.
with themperoure of this fructuouse londe.
So thense we parted and by a place.
Of seynt Laurence paynted rounde.
with gyrdyrans and in that skounde.
we vs be thought so in concludyon.
To the grete abbay of thassumpcion.

Strapte we went and passe that mancyon
without ony tarpeng only there.
And by Bartylmewe were straunge fastyon.
He had brought vp as dyd appere.
For all his skynne was of clere.
And on his arme he hyde it caste.
As one that was not moche agaste.

Forth farther on our way we passe.
And to a goodly cytie hyghe we dyde.
By seynt Austeyns place and at the laste
By medzpp. we came where matter in dede.
we syghte had of seynt Jones hede.
That done without delaye.
To a nother londe we toke the waye.

Thowe mankynde entereth/and goeth thowwe
the Dukedome of September. Ca. xvi.

Some to a dukedome the pathe laye.
September namyd the ryche duchery.

In the whiche is made the sothe to save
wyues mankynde to refreshe cruely.
For then nature away doth clye
And as I tell you mankynde is than.
Of yerres full.iiij.scoze and tenne

The bylytie man than faste cometh on.
He watech croked vnneth go he canne.
Lyke as wynter appzocheth this season.
So playnly it appereth yerely by man.
But neuertheles when we thyrther came.
Dixit insipiens we dyde fynde there.
Thozowe all that londe a right grete doer.

And when I it saue I meruayled sore.
Howe and what wyse it come myght to passe
A vnwyse man to haue suche power.
ouer all suche a countrey as it was.
Thenne shortly I saue howe stode the case.
Scripture when I serched the trouch to knowe.
In the epistels of poule libro primo.

Ad corintios capitulo tercio.
That the wysdome of this world before the godhed.
For folysshenes is taken and seth it is so.
He thought is name right well myght be suffred.
So there we hym lefte and farther proceded.
And solempnely we came exely on a mozne
To the place where the mother of crist was bozne.

And strapte we wente to the exaltacion.
Of the holy crosse without delay.

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Frome thense procedynge on our pathe full lone.
To the ryuer of ymber this is no nay.
where ouer we rowed then on our Journey
On fote for fallynge we dyd vs hy
Unto the Monastory of seynt Bathy.

Assendynge soone thense full hastely.
Unto the hye mounte of seynt Wyghell.
where we dyd fynde certaynly.
That Wyghell was archaungell
Thenne no lenger there wolde we dwell.
As in that londe but walked nere.
To warde the Eledome of October.

Howe mankynde entereth in to the londe of
October at the age of a.L.yere.La. xvij.

And when there entered farre we were.
Wy legges waxed feble & I lackyd myght.
For then wad I full oute a hunderde yere.
And when there entred farre we were.
Unneth I coude go so fayled my sight
Wy way to se by day nor by nyght.
Wery feble suche stare had I.
When phebus caste his lyght lewly.

Yet in this londe men full hely were.
The erth to ere and corne to sowe
Therem to fynde a nother yere.
Thenne partlyely well myght we knowe.
It was that thyng muste nedys be do

The tyme whan phebus casteth his lyght.
Towarde the scorpyon accorpyng to right.

So our purpose to fulfill pertly procedynge.
Delytynge our lyfe right Iocoundely.
Blakberyes plumbes and nuttes etynge.
That in that londe was nothynge deynthe.
But in every hedge appered right goodly.
And in this londe there was abydynge.
A solempne man and a well luyng.

The whiche was callyd without lesynge
Saluum me fac with whom my gypde.
Shortly and sodeynly curn at the metynge
was very well and passyngly well acquainted.
Thenne on warde on our way we hved.
Lerned men and lawyers seynge full help.
In keepynge of courtes of every degre.

Howe mankynde entereth the barury of Nov
ember. La. xviij.

From thense procedynge and so shortely.
Entre we dyde bothe in fere.
with payne full grete on my partie.
In to the Baruery callyd nouember.
For lew and wan waxed my chere.
As nature trees in the crop doth sayle
That the leues therof away doth sayle

Right so I lphyn my worldly trauayle.
whan youth is wasted and age is come.

Thenne doch he was to the sonne
My welch capteyn was to the sonne
As from the sonne to the sonne
For this season was by the sonne
As the wyle it fareth by the sonne.

For: Aught is gone & my power is as nothing.
My wyle is wanted as here of the sonne.
My nature is wasted as trees in the wanyng.
My welch my Jolyte my pryde is clene gone.
per nedys must I age at his comynge welcome.
For but I anone wyl in dede ellys where.
My age is a. l. now and ten pere

But for to speke more of this matter
On oure pylgrymage boldly forth passed we.
By the abbay of all holon I pou ensure.
Anone in that parties we sawe there suerly.
Men in that countrie to low full hely
Thenne made my gude me acquainted to be
With one whose name was exultate.

That with the barne of this barry
Ampttyd is a grete ruler.
Thowwe that londe and concynently.
we walked by a mynster.
well appoynted in euery where.
And as we vnderstode it was callyd by name.
The Bpshopp of the of seynt Martyn.

Where we mette Bpshoppys tweyne.
That Edmund that archebshopp byght.

That other heto Bysshop of Lyncolne.
Chenne asked we with all oure myght.
If in the way we were right.
Unto the lordshyp of December.
And they sayde ye do you not fere

The day passynge the nyght drawynge nere.
By pope clement takynge oure way.
we sawe a virgyn whose body clere.
with rasers was rased saunce delay.
That bounde was to a whele this herde we say
The name that calld was this virgyn.
Propzely is sayde matter katheryn.

Chenne by one redely we came.
That had his membrys quadzauantagly.
Drawen on a Crosse andzewe by name.
And shortly thense we passed by.
Thozowe oure all this grete baruery.
whose name naturall is Nouember.
Enterynge strepte the lordshyp of December

Howe mankynde entereth the lordshyppe of
December La. rix.

Nowe be we passynge thozowe the power
Of December the lordshyp myghty.
where my gyde lodepnly there.
Made me acqueryed with Cantate.
But yet as far as I coulde se.
Est west North South and south by
It was bu: eyn a barayne country.

Thenne doch heere was heere
Welch tapler come to the sonne.
Lyke as from heere and heere to the sonne.
In this season were by the sonne.
In lyke wyse it fareth by the sonne in all thyng.

Efz strenght is gone & my power is as nothing.
My wyse is wanted as here of the sonne.
My nature is wanted as trees in theyr wanyng.
My welch my Jolytie my pryde is clene gone.
per nedys must I age at his comynge welcome.
Foz but I anone wyl in dede ellys where.
My age is a. L. now and ten yere

But foz to speke hore of this matter
On oure pylgrymage holdly forth passed we.
By the abbay of a. I holon I you ensure.
Anone in that parties we sawe there suerly.
Then in that countrey to low full besy
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With one whose name was exultate.

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Amptyd is a grete ruler.
Thorewe that londe and contynently.
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well appoynted in euery where.
And as we vnderstode it was callid by name.
The Bpshoppysche of seynt Wattyne.

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Howe mankynde entereth the lordshyppe of
December La. xix.

Nowe be we passynge thozowe the power
Of December the lordshyp myghty.
where my gypde sodeynly there.
Made me acqueynted with Cantate.
But yet as far as I coulde se.
Est west North South and south by
It was bu: eyn a barayne country.

A right good cause and wot ye why
For the sonnes is descended to his lowest degre.
In this season and shyneth full letwly
For lower on erth can no man hym se
And eyn right so it fareth by me
For no herte haue I what sholde I saye more.
I am nowe of peres full oute syr scoze.

Eyet holde I well tell I maye no more
On my pylgrymage way my lyfe durynge
Passynge this monyth as I sayde before.
Where we sawe men right soze laborynge.
To molyfy theyr londes in dunge carpenge.
Thenne hasted we forth with besy cure.
Unto the myghty see callyd Adventure.

And eyn shortly when we came there
Anone we toke shyppyng and sayled at wyll
Fylle ynough etynge and makynge good chere.
We sawe in the myddes of this see stande an yle.
Full properly pytched vpon a pyle.
I asked my guyde what was that place.
And he me answered howe that it was.

An I londe that of seynt Nicholas.
Callyd it was the bysshopysche.
Frome that coste thenne dyd we passe.
By an abbay I neuer sawe suche
I asked of whome byldyd was the churche
My guyde me answered shortly and soon.
Sayeng of our lady it was the conception.

TSo by vnto the mounte of wysdome.
we assendyd and came by an hospytall.
That namyd was saynt Thomas mansyon.
Shortly then passynge with pleasure at all
ouer this see with myndys corbyall
Lowly thankynge the hy holy trynyte
That passed we had that grete Iherdope.

Safe and sounde in euery degre.
So we londyd and ancre cast.
At cristmas the myghty cyrie
where eueryman kept grete feste.
with bzyde and ale and mete of the best.
And all for Ioye that a mayden free.
Borne had a childe of hye degre.

And when of that tydyngs the trouthe herde we.
I mused in my mynde and meruayled moche.
Chenne. iij. shepardes shozely shewed me.
That as to that childe none lyke was suche.
In all this worlde and who lyst to serche.
Shall fynde this childe so resplendaunte.
To the kyngdome of heuen heyre apparaunte.

Eyet I meruayled with thoughtes abundaunte.
why this childe so lowly lay.
In a crache where bestes recpaunte.
were takynge theyr fode both strawe and hay.
Anone my guyde dyde take his way.
Shortly to speke with dñe exaudi.
That nyghe kynne was vnto Cantate.

And I hym folowed full dylgently
More of this babys byrthe to here.
And when the trowth of all herde I.
I purposed verly to approche nere.
The kyngdome of heuen to all my power
My guyde quykely aduysed me then.
To passe on my purpose and spyre a new tyme.

So passyng forth on our Journey procedyng.
Choro we that lordshyp as the path lay
There were founde withoute ony lesyng.
A full longe nyght and but a shorte day.
And this one thyng we dare well say.
In parte of this countre we saue theym amonge.
The day lytle ouer passed. vi. houres longe

From the sone arysyng tell the sone goyng towne
Ferther yet procedyng at one thyng meruaylyng.
What maner of slaughtoure in þ lordshyp was done.
For lyke as with a beste in maner is the dealyng.
So on a mānes hed they neuer stynte knockyng
With grete stones tell all his bzaynes.
Aboute his sholders lay at oones

Another they dresled in as euyl maners.
For washe hym they dyd in bollynge oyle.
And more ouer toke oute of cardes.
ponge infants and them dyde spyll
with theyr sperys a syght full euyl.
And to make festes by suche dealyng
To oure sempyng it was vnspyttyng.

And to trete farther of this maner of thyng.
 I am nowe so olde I may no farther go
 But my houre to abyde at cristes owne pleasynge.
 Deth draweth me nyghe his pang; be full wo.
 To chaunge my lyfe I wayte to and fro.
 wherfore on my soule good lord haue mercy.
 For my synnes dedely Ihesu nowe I crye.

All mankynde is mortall and made for to dye.
 wherfore mankynde of thy mysse the remembre.
 And thynke thou this worlde is full transyroz.
 And euer amonge haue mynde of thy maker.
 Thus leue I of this lyfe and loke for a better.
 wherfore mankynde my brother I the pray.
 Contynuelly remembre thy endynge daye.

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Howe mankynde entereth þe londe of Janua
 ry and of the strasty of that colte. La. xx.

All naked & bare to this worlde am I come.
 On pilgrymage to procede I purpose if I can
 without strenght connynge or naturall reason.
 And to tell you trouth mankynde I am
 In innocency by cristedom to attayne me a name.
 For lyke I am to the monyth of January.
 In the whiche I begyn my pylgrymage truely.

For in that monyth as appereth full playnly.
 Nothyng groweth but all is full barayne.
 Right so of no strenght nor connynge am I.
 wytte nor wysdome I can none attayne.

But yet procede I wyl in certayne.
On pylgrymage to my persone accordynge.
Thowowe this monyth wherin growyth nothyng.

With humble affeccion my gyde besechyng
To shewe me the gouernoure of all January.
Anone me he answerd without lesyng.
That exchetoure he was calld of that countrey.
And myght be calld by auctozptie.
Of all that countrey so excheted was.
That no good was leste in neuer a place.

Save frost and snowe and yle as glasse.
Slepyr I now both on londe and water.
But then we herde in a certayne place
Two men with staues lay fast togyther.
And shortly then we hyed vs thither.
To loke what maner of chaunce sodayne.
That was fallyn bytwene theym twayne.

And when we came there we sawe certayne.
They betynge were wete oute of the sheues
That they had purchased in the realme.
Of the Emperoure of Augustus.
And as we sawe bothe they staues.
were brokyn in the myddys and then to gyther.
Caped they were with thougts of lecher.

Thus thyle men from the coulde wether.
Kepte theym selfe with labour soze.
So shortly in a whyle after.
we passed farthe moze and moze.

On oure Journey and as we were there.
Anone in acquyptaunce god brought vs.
With one that hyght Dixit dominus.

ESpyting on the right handes as Justyce of pease
Of the myghty lorde in the grete Cytie.
Of the circumscicion and from them dyde we passe.
By coleyne there as be kynges thre.
And by many other places that bene in haue we.
Whiche were to longe processe for to be tolde.
But shortly from that colt we pykkyd vs for colde.

Howe mankynde entereth the londe of fe-
bruary. La. xxi.

Thenne to a coste the way dyd we holde.
That namyd was the londe of february.
And there my guyde my spryt dyd holde.
Byddynge me loke rounde aboute me.
And marke well beati immaculati.
For he in this londe is cheyf gouernoure.
And of all men ruler and guyder.

Eyet and nexte hym is moste of power.
A noble Shyrpse and a myghty.
That is callyd bothe fere and nere.
Masset legem pone.
So in this londe we sawe men besy.
For to stop gappes in hedges euery where.
That by thexchetoure of January dystroyed were.

For by his extort meanes as dyde appere.
Brought they were and dyuen to deficit.

So all this company we lefte there.
None we sawe mirabilia fecit.
Hauynge a childe in his armys of trouthe.
we then of that childe duely enquryed.
He answered it was the sonne of the godhed.

Thenne glad was my herte I lefte vp my hed.
Beholdynge the coste of euery countrey.
And howe the grounde grenyd in euery mede.
Remembrynge that I waxed to thage of .xx.
wysdome to lerne and counnyng to apply.
By encrease of the same as this monyth dose.
The grounde make grene to bryng forth floures.

Right so after January the stormy shoures.
In february I but as braunches on tree.
The day then is lengthed by full .ij. houres.
And phebus assendaunte to his hyghe degre..
From pisces to aries resplendauntly.
A party hotte lyke wyse eyn by me.
I som what take of euery degre.

Howe men procedyth his pylgrymage in/and
thorowe the londe of Marche. Ca. xxij.

So in our pylgrymage farther we passed.
In pleasure delitynge vs all and some.
So in to the londe of Marche we entred
where Ad dñm cū tribulacōe bat vs welcome.
And also leuauī with letatus sum.
ye and vnder hym a stewart goodly.
That callyd is domine probastly.

A myghty post in all that countrey
was he taken but what as therin
My peres then encreased vnto thyrti.
I waxed stronge to fyght with a wepyn.
I was in my Jolytie in all that season.
To be goodly arayed I had grete affeccyon.
why in that age it is mannes condycion.

But neuerthelesse of many a good mancyon.
Set in this countrey I tell you playne.
The people were hely for to solwe pelson.
Otes and barley for very certayne.
pe and trees grassynge in euery bayne
where good erth is approued requysyte.
In all this countrey suche is theyr delyte.

Labozynge soze as men that haue myght
In euery where theym selfe bespeng.
To euery true man a right good sight.
Chenne shortly dyde we take shypynge.
At the hauen of right partyte lyupnge
Ane so sayled oz euer we stynte.
Duer the grete mayne see of lente.

On passage procedynge as we wente.
Full euyl we faryd this knowe I trouth.
For laus tibi domine after me sente.
That was oure marponer and was full loth.
To do any fare cost of any of vs both.
So of his fare we were full wery
But when of alleluya the hyl we dyd se.

Thenne loked we vp and wared mery.
Thankynge god that passed we had.
The feble fare of laus tibi domine.
we lounded then and nothynge were sad.
Scrayte vppon the promysse we made.
To the londe of Apzell we dyde vs hy.
That was full of shoures and a countrey lusty.

Whiche couered therth full plesaunte to se.
Bothe nozth and south wiche coloure grene.
Thenne goodies encreaseth abundauntly.
Unto mankynde but what as therin.
I muste good manners to me this tyme myne.
For nowe I am completed syt.
Bellicosus and bolde if grete nede be.

Howe batayle was maynteyned bytwene Sol
Iusticie and Pluto duke of tenebris. Ca. xxij.

Et right sodeynly there stode we.
In maner dysmayde in grete dystresse.
For pluto we sawe come crydynge hastely.
That duke is nampd of tenebris.
Saynge that we shold be subiectis.
And also crybutours vnto hym.
Whiche to do we bothe refuseden.

Thenne sol Iusticie all in good tyme.
By vs stode and arnyd was redy.
Confortynge vs for to despye hym.
And by his malycie let not a peny
But arme vs both he bad hastely.

With oure garmentes of fayth and hope
And downe with theym at the firste stroke.

Howe dyspleyd is and set a losse.
The benet of the prynce of pease.
Thenne came one with noyle vnlosse
That naturally was callyd vyce.
Sonne to the duke of tenebris.
And with hym came moche raskall
That thought sure to conquere all.

But Sol iusticie dyde both vs call
And sayde though parte of oure pylgrymes were
Ageynst vs yet doubte not we shall
On oure ennyses forselv to werre.
For as I knowe in no wyse sure.
As theyr harnes wherfore gladly.
Joyntly togyther kepe we company.

Howe vyce toke the forwarde on his parte/
howe Sol iusticie fled. La. xxiiij.

So vyce the forwarde in contynently.
Toke vpon hym with many mo.
In harnes armyd full rustely.
And pychyd the felde then on a rowe.
The capteynes stode the trumpett gan blowe.
Pyppnge vp the game to begyn.
Alces horse was trapped with synne.

Thenne Sol iusticie entered in.
Shorly the felde armyd full bygght.

And is his shelde bare of grene.
A crosse of tymbre greyned in syght.
With. iij. nayles tryangle by right.
The felde apperynge blode rede.
Thus entered our capteyne on mercy his stede.

¶ We hym folowynge a full good spede.
Shortly anone the skrymythe beganne.
And so sure for matter in dede.
Vyce with his felshyp faste layed on.
That voce mea was agast soone
Thenne oure capteyne Sol iusticie.
With In manus tuas away dyd flye.

¶ In to a darke vale that was nygh by.
But yet at the desyre and spectrall request.
Dē a gracypoule man callyd dñe exaudi.
He came agayne and shortly in haste.
To ayde vs there came one hyeng faste
Whiche is callyd with all and some.
Benedictus qui venit ad prelium.

¶ Howe Sol iusticie turnyd agayne and dyscume
fyr vyce and wan the felde. La. xxv.

¶ Thenne shortly by force we set on.
And whan vyce sawe vs come so fersely.
He and his company soone away ron.
As faste as euer they myght flye.
Thus wan the felde Sol Justicie.
So exultabo made a crye.
That all men sholde shortly drawe nye.

Under the baner of the prynce truly.
Ampttyd of pease wherby all and some.
Myght be knowen and percepyd Justly
Seruauntes to the kynge heuyns sonne.
After that was fynnyshed and done.
we were of myndes eyn right holde.
On our pylgrymage the way to holde

LFor lauda anima mea/that sponce was tolde.
And partely knowen of sol Iusticie.
Gaue vs counsell that we sholde.
Dure waye kepe and passe on boldely
Admyttinge vs a chaumpion goodly
whose name was callyd amonge vs.
Laudate dñm quoniam bonus.

A myghty chaumpion and a gloriouse.
So with hym we went as victorouse men
Thoro we the londe molke freshest of floures.
That callyd is Lauda Jerusalem.
And the londe of behest in a nother Realme
where most hath rule of may the mayre monstypouse
The pease maynteyne that by barayle gloriouse.

Sol iusticie by power victorouse.
Conquered had thus past we on oure way.
Thenne Laudate dñm de celis.
wente forth with vs on our Journey.
Delyttinge in conceptes we passed the way.
Eyll come we dyd to the ryuer of rogacion.
And there for the fery bore we callyd soone.

TSo ouer that rylier we passed anone.
And came a londe eyn right shortly.
At the royall ctye of the assensyon.
where worthely we saue Sol iusticie.
Scrayte vp assendynge vnto the sky.
Towarde the hy helyferall regyon.
Thenne came two men apparayled right soone

In garmentz full whyte and to vs come.
Byddynge vs both of good chere to be.
For a nother daye there shall come downe.
The myghty maker Soule Iusticie.
With moche more glozy and tryumphe to se
Then euer you dyd hym se before.
So seased we oure sorowe/and no lenger dyd mozne

Passynge forth with gostely affectyon.
Unto the myghty abbay of the holy goste.
And there we saue cancare dfin.
A messenger good and a myghty poste.
That from Sol iusticie of myghtes moste.
was comyn and sayd playnly that he.
Comaunded vs bothe of good chere to be.

Thenne in to the tabernacle of the trynptye.
with omnis spūs laudet dominum.
whome we came and welcome were we.
From pylgrymage then all and some
with benedictus Israell had vs welcome
Both magnificat and nunc dimittis.
That to quicumq; vult/brought vs.

Now we thanke I hply oure lordē swete Ihesus.
This ferefull pylgrymage that I haue passed.
And synnyshed the same amonge freshe floures.
In may whan byrdes with songe vnseased
warble and releffe with tunes armonyzed.
On bzeres and thornes full pleasaunt to se.
Both moste and lest in euery degre

And I my selfe of grete Iocoundytie
Mey stronge and cherefull to beholde
Euen full at the age of fyfty
After this monyth as I befoze tolde.
What sholde I more saye gone is all the colde.
And full wery I am beleue me thus.
Wherfoze by your leue this one we wyl rest vs.

The conclusyon of this boke. La. xxvi.

Nowe almyghty lordē swete Ihesus.
To the we call with humble affectyon.
That in this wretched worlde thou gouerne vs
So that after this myserable mansyon.
Thou graunte vs nowe this oure petycion.
That reygne we maye in the heuently place
with *Deus beata trinitas*

Thus of mankynde the ferefull pylgrymage
Thozoughe this vale corrupt and terryble
Compounded I haue with all the passage.
Beseechynge the reders with herte ampyable.
Thoughe many fautes therin be corryptible.
ye wyl me admytte vnto my lernynge.
Ponderynge the sence the mette admychplynge.

We go lytle volam submyttinge aſſecyon.
 Unto my ſynguler Maſter by humble aſſecyon.
 With mercy and pytie beſechyng hym humbly.
 Of thy compoundyng to take the correccyon.
 For as no thyng thou were put by his compilacion.
 In proſe thou haddeſt ben auctoryſed of fame.
 O ſamoule prelate be prayſed thy name.

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